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DEPARTMENT PASS SAIGON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DANISH AID TO VIETNAM

REF: A. COPENHAGEN 962, B. COPENHAGEN 931, C. SAIGON 4511

1. PARLIAMENTARY FINANCE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 9 APPROVED AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF DKR. 12 MILLION (\$2.2 MILLION) FOR ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM. THE BULK OF THE AMOUNT IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE DANISH RED CROSS AND THE REMAINDER TO THE DANISH CHURCH RELIEF FUND. ADDITIONALLY, THE DANISH AID ADMINISTRATION (DANIDA) INFORMED US THAT THEY ARE PRESENTLY PREPARING A PROPOSAL FOR A DANISH RESPONSE,

EARLY NEXT WEEK, TO THE APPEAL FOR COORDINATED UN ASSISTANCE FOR VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. DANIDA EXPECTS THE DANISH GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO BE POSITIVE, ALTHOUGH THE TIGHT BUDGETARY SITUATION WILL BE A  
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PROBLEM.

2. THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUSLY PLEDGED DKR. 150 MILLION (\$27.5 MILLION) LOAN TO DRVN (REFS A AND B) WAS THE SUBJECT OF A BRIEF EXCHANGE IN PARLIAMENT APRIL 9. CONSERVATIVE MP STETTER ASKED FONMIN K.B. ANDERSEN TO CONDEMN DRVN AGGRESSION TO WHICH THE FONMIN REPLIED THAT DENMARK ALWAYS DISAPPROVED TERRITORIAL GAINS BY VIOLENCE AND REGRETTED THAT NEITHER PARTY IN VIETNAM HAD ADHERED TO THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. HE REFUSED, HOWEVER, TO WITHDRAW THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE LOAN.

3. IN A SUBSEQUENT PRESS STATEMENT, CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER NINN HANSEN SAID HIS PARTY WOULD PURSUE THE MATTER WITH A REQUEST FOR A GENERAL FLOOR DEBATE NEXT WEEK. ACCORDING TO THE PARLIAMENT'S SECRETARIAT, FORMAL REQUEST FOR A GENERAL DEBATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED. IT WOULD NEED MAJORITY SUPPORT FROM THE FLOOR.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT. DESPITE HIS INITIAL RESERVATIONS ABOUT PRESENTING THE PROPOSED DKR. 150 MILLION DRVN LOAN FOR APPROVAL AT THIS TIME, FONMIN ANDERSEN APPEARS BOUND TO PUSH THE ISSUE NOW THAT IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO OPEN DEBATE. WHILE THE NON-SOCIALIST PRESS HAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE LOAN PROPOSAL, WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE THAT THE CONSERVATIVES (NOW A MINOR PARTY IN PARLIAMENT) HAVE OBTAINED MUCH SUPPORT AMONG THE MP'S FOR THEIR STAND. THEY MAY, THEREFORE, HAVE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING A MAJORITY FOR A FLOOR DEBATE ON THE ISSUE. IN ANY EVENT, CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED CONSIDERABLY SINCE EMBASSY SAIGON'S COMMENTS (REF C) ON FONMIN ANDERSEN'S STATEMENT TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD DELAY SUBMISSION OF THE DRVN LOAN TO PARLIAMENT (REF B). GIVEN ANDERSEN'S PRESENT POSITION, WE HAVE NOTHING ON WHICH TO CONGRATULATE HIM.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SAIGON.

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